THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Housing is a state subject and the State and Union Territory Govts. are free to formulate housing schemes for various target groups in accordance with their priority and financial resources and through State Plan provisions. The details of plots allotted to poor people by the Govt. of Assam and assistance for house construction by State agencies are not available with the Central Govt.

(d) HUDCO, since inception and upto 31-1-92 has sanctioned 48 projects in the State of Assam to different borrowing agencies for different types of schemes. These schemes with a proict cost of Rs. 80.18 crores and HUDCO loan commitment of Rs. 52.23 crores will provide on completion 13687 residential buildings, 2 non-residential building and 145 developed plots for various income groups. More than 75 per cent of the dwelling units sanctioned are meant for economically weaker sections/low income groups.

Encroachment to land in Guwahati

4314. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been problems in keeping the acquired vacant land in the city of Guwahati free from encroachment under the present Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to discourage the encroachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act is being implemented by the State Governments and it is for the State Government to take appropriate action to discourage encroachment on the acquired vacant land. The Govt. of Assam has not brought any such problem to the notice of the Central Government.

Migration of the people to the Capital

4315. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inflow of people coming to the capital has increased considerably thus resulting in pressure on the availability of basic amenities available to the citizens of Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to check migration of lakhs of people into the Capital, if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Achievement of a manageable Delhi and checking migration into the capital are the principal objectives of the Regional Plan NCR 2001 already notified by NCR Planning Board w.e.f. 23-1-89. The Plan aims at:

(a) Containing the growth of Delhi UT within a manageable production size of 112 lakhs by 2001 A.D.

(b) moderate growth of Delhi Metropolitan Area (DMA) excluding Delhi UT to accommodate a population of 38 lakhs by 2001 A.D.; and

(c) induced growth of the rest of the Region to hold 49 lakhs of urban population in towns identified for priority development.

Supply of potable water

4316. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd August, 1991 under the caption "Beware of water you drink"; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure supply of potable water to the areas in New Delhi and Old Delhi where contaminated and muddy water is being supplied at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that the complaint about the supply of contaminated water supply in the Moti Bagh, Shanti Niketan areas was received on 22-8-1991, the fault was located on 23-8-1991 and has since been set right. The mishap had happened because an A. C. Pressure pipe line passing through the manhole was found damaged causing the contamination. Otherwise the water supply made by them is potable.

The information in respect of other two localities is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Houses and building requisitioned by the Central Government

4317. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 162 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 1983 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the premises of the destitute widow referred in above question supplementaries reply has not yet been vacated in spite of assurance given by the Minister even though more than 9 years have passed for compliance;

(b) the action Government have taken so far in the matter; and

(c) by when the premises are likely to be vacated and handed over to the widow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Housing problems in West Bengal

4318. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Agencies and Organisations of the Central Government or sponsored by it to solve the housing problem in West Bengal;

(b) what amount of money was spent in the different housing schemes during the last five years in the state; and

(c) the number of persons benefited from such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Housing being a State subject solution of housing problem in a particular State is primarily the concern of that State Government. However, with a view to supplement the efforts of various State Governments in providing increased housing facilities to people, particularly those belonging to economically weaker sections financial assistance is made available by National level housing finance institutions like HUDCO and National Housing Bank, Life Insurance Corporation and General Insurance Corporation to State level housing agencies, as per norms laid down by these institutions.

During the last 5 years i.e. 1986-87 to 1990-91 HUDCO sanctioned 84 schemes with a project cost of Rs. 234.14 crores and HUDCO loan assistance of Rs. 142.57 crores for construction of 91975 dwelling units in West Bengal.